THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART MENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUS TRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL IN DUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COM MERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir. However, a proposal for legis lation to ensure prompt payment of small industries bills is under consideration of Govt,

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Technology Development Cell in Small Industries Development Organisation

3170. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHAND-RA HCHKAR: Will the PRIME MINIS TER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Technology Development Cell has been set up in the Small Indus tries Development Organisation;

(b) what is the Constitution of this Cell and what are its functions; and

(c) what has been the performance of this Cell so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART-MENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES) AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

Payment to ex-employees of P.S.Us.

3171. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer of Unstarred Question 3214 and 1528 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th December, 1991 and 23rd Ju'y, 1992 respectively and state;

(a) whether Government propose to ensure that the Central Public Sector Undertakings under hte Department of Heavy Industry make payments without any further delay to their ex-employees who have been denied payment- on account of deay in issuing Government order together with amount of interest as is payable to the ex-empoyees on late disbursement of Provident Fund and other statutory payments; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take for avoiding recurrence of such lapses in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART-MENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTER-PRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) Since the informaiton regarding the number of cases where payments have been delayed to the ex-employees in rspect of retirement benefits is not radi-Iy available, the same would be collected and placed on the Table of the House.

Allotment of distribution on agoncheck service stations of Maruti Udyog Ltd.

3172. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA.: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of distribution agencies/ service stations of Maruti Udyog Ltd. allotted so far during the financial year 1991-92;

(b) the number of agencies/service stations out of these which have been allotted to the SC/ST candidates;

(c) the number of directors on the Board of Maruti Udyog limited; and

(d) the number of such directors be-longing to SC and ST communities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPART-MENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTER-PRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No dealership was allotted during 1991-92. The number of Maruti Authorised Service Stations allotted during this period was 153.

(b) Informaiton is being collected.

(c) At present there are eight Directors on the Board of Maruti Udyog Limited.

(d) There is no SC/ST Director in the Board of Maruti Udyog Limited.